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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

7 CHRISTOPHER PRESTFIELD,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 GEORGE M. ZAKHARY,

11 Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cv-01551-NONE-EPG (PC)

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'
REQUEST TO OPT OUT OF EARLY
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

(ECF No. 20)

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13 This matter has been referred for an early settlement conference. (ECF No. 17). On March 9,
14 2021, Defendant filed a request to opt out of the settlement conference, explaining that following an
15 evaluation of the case and after conferring with Plaintiff in writing, Defendant determined that an early
16 settlement conference would not be productive at this time. (ECF No. 20). The Court will
17 accordingly grant Defendant's request to opt out of an early settlement conference.¹ A settlement
18 conference may be scheduled at a later date, if appropriate.

19 It is ORDERED that Defendant's request to opt out of an early settlement conference (ECF
20 No. 20) is GRANTED.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: March 10, 2021

/s/ Eric P. Grogan

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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27 ¹ Pursuant to the order regarding early settlement conference (ECF No. 17), Defendant did not need to file a
28 request to opt out of the early settlement conference. Instead, Defendant should have filed a notice that Defendant opts out
of an early settlement conference.